in the country and what is the area of exploration;

(b) what is the estimated expenditure incurred so far on the venture;

CO what is the number of wells from which oil has been struck; and

(d) whether Government propose to review its collaboration with USSR taking into consideration the results achieved so far and if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The total number of wells drilled in collaboration with the USSR under the Intensive Integrated Exploration Programme (HEP) is 30. The areas covered under the HEP incorporate the North Cambay basin, the Ariyalur Pondicherry depression in Cauvery basin and the southern part of West Bengal basin.

(b) The estimated expenditure incurred so far is approximately Rs. 335 crores.

(c) Oil has not so far been struck in commercial quantities in any of the wells.

(d) The programme is reviewed periodically.

Parity in working hours ot commercial and clarlcal staff in Indian Airlines

956. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is long standing demand of the commercial staff of Indian Airlines for parity in working hours with other Departments engaged in clarical jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received, any representation in this regard;

(d) whether commercial staff working in Commercial Manager Secretariat and Indian Airlines Headquarters is working 38 hours a week and enjoy two weekly offs;

(e) whether Accounts|Administration personnel attached with Commercial Department are being paid Duty Allowance for working 44 hours;

(f) if so, whether the commercial staff will also be compensated; and

(g) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

"' (b) The staff of the Commercial Department of Indian Airlines', in terms of an agreement between the Union and Management, are required to work for 44 hours a week. However, some employees have been demanding work for 38 hours a week and representations to this effect have been received by Indian Airlines from them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No, Sir. The commercial staff are required *to* work for 44 hours a week in accordance with the agreement between the Union and Management.

(g) Does not arise.

Increase in Oil Import Bill

957. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the impact on the Oil Import Bill for 1991-92 as a result of devaluation of the rupee?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Impact of eva . luation of rupee on the oil import Bill for 1991-92 will depend on .the